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MINES
LOK SABHA

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK BY NALCO
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any emphasis has been laid by NALCO on Research and Development in its establishment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction during the last three years alongwith the amount spent thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRTY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) has established Research and Development (R&D) Units at its Mines and Refinery Complex, Smelter and Power Complex and in the Corporate Office.The company`s research efforts are focused, interalia, in the areas of process upgradation and optimization, product development, waste utilization and energy conservation The amount spent on R&D during the last three years by NALCO is as follows:

2000-2001	Rs. 178.58 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs. 258.30 lakhs
2002-2003	N.A.